

3/29/71

Dear Js,

Mostly quiet yesterday, light mail and silent phone today, have enabled me to considerably diminish the accumulated stack.

The clippings you want returned are enclosed, with a brief note. The contemporaneous photography was good- but misrepresented and suppressed.

Memo to Paul: I've been using throwaway carbon from the kind that has the tissue attached and was careless. The first line of the fifth page was missing.

If you saw anything on the Carl Vaughn interview with Ray, aired by CBS 3/26 while I was on the train, can be important. Vaughn is close to Hawks, was supposed to phone me and didn't, and Hawks was supposed to avoid publicity for a while. His also followed visit from Jerry Ray, and it has not been exceptional when thereafter Stoner's bidding was done. Nothing in papers here.

There was nothing on my visit on wires for I didn't do anything to attract attention, no backgrounding (save to one reporter), nothing on book (publisher's wierd request), and my interview with Ray was as his investigator and therefore confidential. ...Tapes being transcribed.

Panthers: wish I knew answer. I've long felt that only Hoover has given them viability, and I suspect that he has and has had them thoroughly penetrated for some time. My own personal experience last 4/4 was depressing. I had been asked to make a speech and was then threatened by one faction if I did. I know one black in another group who insists Hilliard, despite indictment, is an agent, and claims that even where there have been arrests, large percentages have been. I have no independent knowledge, but this source seems quiet and level-headed.

If I didn't answer the question on tapes, I can use either, but the cassettes are handier and easier for me to store. I have two such machines, one new (and very cheap). I'll have to find some way of getting one of the minireatures for travelling, but when Hil told me yesterday that our current situation, not counting debt, is that we owe \$400 in pressing things during the period when she is working, I think I'll dream a while. It would have been great to have had one in Memphis, though, believe me!

Except as I have tried to inform you, nothing new. The confrontations were a bash, but with no promos, no followups. Imagine a publisher who doesn't make even the effort to use a Foreman fleeing a studio at the mention of a "chicken farmer"! Not one promo to date comes from the publisher. That is a rather exceptional record...Books haven't reached Calif stations yet. Spoke to Spann's producer today (they'll accept charges). I'll do that by phone after he gets book. Probably same for Eason, but I've not called him, not knowing his hours and not knowing his producer, who has always messed up every phoned interview between us, leaving Jim (who is great) in the dark and misinforming me.

Glad Hal is working. Wish he'd forget Germany. I hate for him to rush to disaster.

Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,